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wherein Q represents an imidazole;  $Y_1$  represents a divalent interlocking group or a bonding hand;  $Y_2$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group; n represents an integer of from 2 to 20; m represents an integer of from 2 to 5;  $X^-$  represents an anion; plural  $Y_1$ 's and plural  $Y_2$ 's may be the same or different, respectively, with the proviso that at least one of  $Y_2$ 's has a polymerizable substituent group; and a plurality of the compounds of the general formula (I) may be connected to each other at Q or  $Y_2$  to form a dimer, trimer or tetramer.